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GEORGE WASHINGTON AND JANE ISABELL CARLEN BETHERS

George Washington Bethers was born in Daniel on September 30, 1883, son of William S. and Phebe McM. Bethers. He married Jane Isabell Carlen on June 8, 1910, in the Salt Lake Temple. She was the daughter of Charles Peter and Mary Charlotte Bengston Carlen.

Jane died June 2, 1919, and George died June 26, 1951.

As a young man, George Washington Bethers herded sheep and worked in the

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mines at Park City and thus was able to help his parents with his earnings from this labor.

He and his wife bought a small farm where they started their first home. Two children, Lila and Mahlon, better known as Sam, were born to them. After his wife died, George took his children to Tom and Mary Carlen Casper, Jane's sister, to be cared for. George remarried and they had a child. Lily, but this marriage was unsuccessful, so he took Jane's children to Charles and Sarah Bethers Price to be cared for while he worked in the mines to support them. He sold his farm to his brother, Ephraim Bethers. When his children grew older he took them to Park City to live with him. After Sarah's husband died she also went to live with George and his family to help care for them.

In November, 1947, while he and his camp mover, Oscar Clegg, were on the desert near Delta herding sheep, wild horses caused his mule and horses to break away from camp one night. Clegg was away for repairs on a truck. In the morning, George had taken the sheep to water and gotten them back out of the badlands by foot before he set out again to hunt them and became lost for five days in the vicinity of Confusion Mount, in Tule Valley, near Delta. He found a band of horses he had seen while watering the sheep, but they were not his. He walked for five nights and days, not knowing he was going in a 10-mile circle, growing more exhausted all the time and praying to find the road. By a miracle he seemed to go the right way. always keeping on the move. On the fifth day a pilot landed on the desert floor, took George aboard and flew to Delta. But there was no room in the hospital there. so they brought him by plane to Salt Lake.

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taking him to the Park City Hospital, where he recovered.

Death came to George after a long illness. His children are: Lila, Mahlon (Sam) and Lily.

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SAMUEL LeROY BOREN AND ABIGAIL MARIA LAMB

Samuel LeRoy Boren was born May 8, 1861, a son of William Jasper Boren, Sr. and Lucina Mecham. He was baptized May 30, 1869 by J. C. Parcell. He was married November 2, 1882, in the Endowment House to Abigail Maria Lamb, by Apostle Daniel Wells. Abigail was born June 23, 1867, a

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daughter of James Jackson Lamb and Sarah Elizabeth Ross.

She died February 6, 1934 and Samuel died January 14, 1942 in Wallsburg.

When he was a small boy Samuel moved with his family to Wallsburg. When he grew to manhood he sheared sheep a great deal. He owned a farm which he farmed until he retired. He enjoyed hunting and trapping and one fall killed a cinnamon bear in Rain Canyon, near Wallsburg.

He had many hobbies, among which were his large collection of Indian arrow and spear heads. He displayed them in a cupboard. He also collected many coins from foreign countries. He liked to whittle, making small rocking-chairs and other little chairs. He was an excellent carpenter.

Their children are: LeRoy, Abigail Verlilion, Elizabeth Lucina, Viola Jane, Jenaire Veryin and Earl James.

man. They had plenty to start across the plains and helped many who were in need.

He married Lucina Mecham on July 3, 1859, at Provo, Utah. Later they were married by Jonathan Duke in the temple. She was the daughter of Moses Mecham and Elvira Derby, pioneers of 1850 with the ox-team company. She was born March 11, 1841, at Lee County, Iowa, and died June 12, 1925, at Provo. Both are buried at Wallsburg.

William was a Seventy and counselor to Presiding Elder William M. Wall of Wallsburg Ward. He was road supervisor and watermaster for 13 years. He served without pay and was a farmer and shingle maker. He freighted between Fort Laramie and Salt Lake; was also school board member without pay. He was a veteran of the Blackhawk War.

In early life he was a cabinet maker and shoe cobbler. He was first counselor to William Wall and later worked in the Sunday School and MIA. Jasper bought the first surrey in Wallsburg and built many houses in Wallsburg.

Lucina remembers sitting on the Prophet Joseph Smith's lap many times when she was a child and saw the Prophet and his brother Hyrum after they were killed. She recalls how the dogs howled that night. She also made the long journey across the plains in the spring of 1853. They left the Missouri River with two wagons, one yoke of oxen, two unbroken voke of steers and four cows. Her father had bought stolen oxen and the owner came and took them away, so they only had one wagon and the cows to come with. The Indians were on the warpath, but they were only stopped once by the Indians. The saints gave them food, although it lessened their supply but the Indians left. Buffalo were plentiful and at times the travelers would have to stop and let the herds pass. Three days from Salt Lake, her cousin. Daniel Mecham, met them with a load of food, for they were out of food.

She went to school whenever she could, for she wanted all the education she could get. Schooling wasn't so readily available then as now. They lived in Lehi and Provo.

Lucina learned to spin and weave and used Indigo for blue, cottonwood bark and mahogany bark to dye the yarn for a dress she wove and made for herself. She wove on shares also.

In the spring of 1864 they moved to